AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

13. (Currently amended) A thermal barrier assembly comprising:

a channel comprising a modified surface; and

a layer of metal bonded to a surface of said channel,

said metal having been deposited on said channel surface from a plasma,

wherein said thermal barrier assembly comprises at least a portion of a casing.

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38. (Currently amended) A thermal barrier assembly comprising:

a channel comprising a modified surface comprising a layer of metal bonded to a surface of said channel, said metal having been deposited onto said channel surface from a plasma; and

an adhesive composition bonded to the modified surface of said channel, said adhesive composition comprising polyurethane.

39. (Currently amended) A thermal barrier assembly comprising:

a channel comprising a modified surface comprising a layer of metal bonded to a surface of said channel, said metal having been deposited onto said channel surface from a plasma; and

an adhesive composition bonded to the modified surface of said channel, said adhesive composition exhibiting no greater than 5 % shrinkage when bonded to said surface and subjected to the % Shrinkage Test Method.

41. (Currently amended) A thermal barrier assembly comprising:

a channel comprising a modified surface;

a layer of metal bonded to a surface of said channel, said metal layer having been deposited onto said channel surface from a plasma; and

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an adhesive composition bonded to the modified surface of said channel, said adhesive composition exhibiting a shear strength of at least 2500 psi shear strength at room temperature after being subjected to the Thermal Cycling Method.

51. (Currently amended) A casing comprising a thermal barrier comprising:

a channel; comprising a modified surface; and
a layer of metal bonded to a surface of said channel, said metal
layer having been deposited onto said channel surface from a plasma; and
an adhesive composition bonded to the modified surface of said
channel.